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1. PAO HAS RECEIVED LETTER OF APR 6 FROM E.F. GEARHART, DEAN COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, GVSC, SAYING BESAROVIC OF SARAJEVO INFORMS THEM THAT THREE PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS WILL VISIT THE US THIS FALL UNDER USG AUSPICES. BESAROVIC THEN REQUESTS GVSC PAY FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES OF TWO SARAJEVO JOURNALISM STUDENTS WHO WOULD VISIT US AT SAME TIME (NOT CLEAR FROM LETTER IF THEY TO TRAVEL WITH JOURNALISTS AS GROUP OR SEPARATELY). GEARHART REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THAT USG SPONSORING JOURNALISTS' VISIT.

2. PRESUME THIS REFERENCE TO SARAJEVO TV CO-OP. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATE REPLY TO GEARHART TO EFFECT THAT USIA PAYING FOR TV CO-OP THIS FALL WHICH WILL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, COVER GVSC/SARAJEVO EXCHANGE. STRESS, HOWEVER, THIS VISIT COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THAT EXCHANGE, SOMETHING WHICH PERHAPS IS NOT CLEAR TO SARAJEVO U OFFICIALS. IF SARAJEVO U WISHES SEND STUDENTS AND GVSC WISHES RECEIVE HEM, FINE, BUT NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR AGENCY HAS AGREED TO FINANCE THIS.

3. FYI, WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT BESAROVIC DID TRAVEL TO GRAND VALLEY OVER WEEKEND AND PLANS REMAIN THERE ABOUT ONE
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WEEK. STILL HOPES TO PARTICIPATE IN IV PROGRAM THIS FALL.

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